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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.132, I submit to the U.S. Patent Office the following facts in support of the non-obviousness of my claims pending in the above-referenced patent application.

- I, Tena Youngblood, declare:
- 1. All statements made in this Affidavit of my own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.
- 2. I understand that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.
- 3. In response to the Office action mailed June 17, 2003, I respectfully submit this Declaration to traverse the rejections of claims 1-15.

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4. At the time of my invention I was living in a trailer in Guerneville, California.

- 5. I needed a motion-sensing light for outdoor nighttime use.
- 6. I wanted a motion-sensing light that did not require the expense and effort of running permanent electrical wiring and installing an electrical box, and did not want to permanently mount a motion sensing light on my trailer.
 - 7. I wanted a motion-sensing light that I could take with me when I moved.
- 8. In approximately November of 2001, I went to major hardware stores in my area, including YARDBIRDS HOME CENTER, HOME DEPOT, SANTA ROSA TOOL & SUPPLY, INC., POST TOOL, and HARBOR FREIGHT TOOL to try and buy a portable motion sensing light suitable for outdoor use.
- 9. I looked at over one hundred motion-sensing lights, but did not see any see any portable motion-sensing light for outdoor use.
- 10. I asked several clerks in at least some of the hardware stores listed in section 8 if they had seen or were aware of a motion sensing light that I could just plug into an electrical socket and use outdoors. None of the clerks I spoke with was aware of such a product.
- 11. I decided to design and build a portable motion sensing light for my own use outside of my trailer.
- 12. When my next door neighbor saw my light, he immediately wanted one too.

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- 13. I soon had requests for several more lights.
- 14. I returned to YARDBIRDS HOME CENTER and bought parts to make several lights. The clerk asked me what I was buying all the components for, and when I told him, he also said that he wanted one.
- 15. In view of the facts provided above in sections 4-14, I believe that my invention addresses an unrecognized need and/or a long-felt need that was not satisfied by conventional products, even though the field of motion-sensing lights has been very crowded for some time.
- 16. Consumer response to my invention has been and continues to be tremendous. I make each one by hand and I have sold over one hundred portable motion-sensing lights in Sonoma County, California.
- 17. I believe that the demand for my lights is primarily attributable to the features of the claimed invention because I have not done any extensive amount of advertising. I painted my product name and telephone number on the back of my van, and provide business cards with my lights. Other than that, I have not spent any money on advertising.
- 18. Many of my sales come from word-of-mouth, and I have had several customers come back to buy more lights after they have seen how useful my invention is.
- 19. In view of the facts provided in sections 16-18, I believe that my invention is a commercial success because of its features.

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20. I believe that the foregoing provides secondary factors in support of the conclusion that my invention is not obvious, and I respectfully request reconsideration of my claims.

Sincerely,

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